School curriculum prescribed by religious organisations

356. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to uphold the secular ethos in the school curriculum;

(b) whether it is a fact that many schools run by the religious organisations continued to self-prescribed curriculum for the students in their respective schools;

(c) if so, whether any such curriculum has been found violating the secular values; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to check this phenomenon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is the continuous endeavour of Government of India to ensure that teaching in the schools upholds the secular ethos as enshrined in the Constitution of India. However, as education figures on the Concurrent List, precise details about specific institutions teaching specific textbooks based on specific curriculum are not centrally maintained.

Disparity in School Syllabus

†357.SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of the schools run by certain institutions are taught some specific books and syllabus besides those prescribed by NCERT; and

(b) if so, the details of such institutions as well as the reasons for disparity of syllabus on school level and the steps being taken to do away with such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) NCERT, which has been entrusted with the job of preparation of curriculum framework

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